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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, SN, US

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FLYING TIGER/PAN AM OPERATIONS IN SINGAPORE

REFS: (AL STATE 14915, (B) STATE 15133, (C) SINGAPORE 0287,
(D) SINGAPORE 0284, (E) STATE 2442

1. SUMMARY: SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT HAS LIFTED RESTRICTIONS ON FLYING TIGER OPERATIONS HERE; LICENSE ISSUED TO PAN AM WAS IN ERROR AND THEY HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SERVE TOKYO ON THEIR WEEKLY CARGO FLIGHT. AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT WILL BE READY FOR SIGNATURE SHORTLY. END SUMMARY.

2. 2. OUR PROBLEM HAS DISAPPEARED. EMBOFF MADE APPROACH TO MINCOMM STAFFER (REFS A AND C) AND AFTER A SHORT DISCUSSION WAS USHERED IN TO SEE SIM KEE BOON. SIM AGREED THAT GIVEN THE THREAT OF DISRUPTION IN CIVAIR RELATIONS THE RESTRICTION ON FTL FLIGHT 45 COULD BE LIFTED. ACCORDING TO SIM, SRI LANKA HAD BARRED SIA FROM SERVING COLOMBO IN A SIMILAR SITUATION, AND SIA HAD ASKED FOR SAME RESTRICTION ON TIGER. IT APPEARS THAT PHILIPPINE PROBLEM WAS NOT A FACTOR IN THE DISPUTE, AND THAT MINISTRY WAS GENUINELY SHOCKED AT TIGER/USG REACTION. LOCAL FTL REP HAS BEEN INFORMED OF DECISION.

3. EMBOFF PASSED ALONG ASSURANCES (REF E) THAT FLEXIBILITY IN
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FLIGHT SCHEDULES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SIA AS WELL.

4. SIM WAS QUITE UPSET AT BOTH PAN AM AND SLIP-UP IN INTERNAL GOS PROCEDURES. AFTER QUESTION OF SHARING OF FIFTH-FREEDOM FREQUENCIES HAD BEEN RESOLVED EARLIER THIS MONTH, SIM INSTRUCTED DCA TO ISSUE PAN AM PERMIT ALLOWING ONCE-WEEKLY FIFTH-FREEDOM CARGO FLIGHT THROUGH TOKYO. ISSUANCE

OF PERMIT WITHOUT TOKYO STOP WAS ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR.
SIM'S IRE WAS ALSO DIRECTED AT PAN AM FOR GOING TO NEW YORK
AND WASHINGTON DIRECTLY WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS
LOCALLY. (COMMENT: WE AGREE, AND HAVE SPOKEN TO LOCAL PAN AM
REP ABOUT THE PROBLEM) REVISED PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED TO PAN AM.

5. AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT REVIEW BY GOS HAS BEEN COMPLETED,
AND COMMENTS ON DRAFT WILL BE FORTHCOMING IMMINENTLY. WE UNDER-
STAND THAT ASIDE FROM EDITORIAL CHANGES, ONLY ADDITION WILL
BE LANGUAGE MAKING LIMITED FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN SELECTING
GROUND HANDLERS RECIPROCAL. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER LIM WILL
PROBABLY SIGN FOR GOS; THEY ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CEREMONY.

6. WE ASSUME NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR AIRLINES HAVE INTERVENED
IN CAB PROCEDURES AND THAT SIA ORDER WILL BE GOING TO WHITE
HOUSE SHORTLY.

7. AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I WISH TO REITERATE THAT POTEN-
TIAL PROBLEM WITH PHILIPPINES STILL EXISTS AND THAT IF MANILA
DOES OBJECT TO FTL TACTIC, ISSUE OF "ASEAN UNITY" MAY CAUSE
PROBLEMS TO GOS. I AWAIT THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS (REF A)
ON THIS QUESTION.
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